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REMARKS

The recitation of amino terminally extended RANTES is now deleted from the claims without prejudice to the filing of a continuation or divisional application thereon.

Claims 17, 20, 21, 30, 31 and 32 are now amended to recite for Leu-RANTES and Gln-RANTES disclosed in WO 96/17935, a copy of which was provided with the amendment of September 17, 2003, to act as an antagonist to RANTES-induced chemotaxis (see Figs. 9 and 10, pages 10-17 and 19). Claims 17 and 30 are also now amended to recite for amino terminally truncated RANTES missing either the first two, five, six, seven, eight or nine amino acid residues disclosed in WO 98/06751 and EP 0906954A1, copies of which were provided with the amendment of September 17, 2003, to act as antagonists of RANTES (see EP 0906954A1, page 10, paragraph [0083] and bottom of page 10 to page 11 (Table III); WO 98/06751, Examples 1 and 2, pages 28-29 and Figs. 1B and 2A). Accordingly, Leu-RANTES and Gln-RANTES are enabled just as Met-RANTES is enabled and the specific amino truncated RANTES as recited in claims 17 and 30 are enabled just as the amino terminally truncated RANTES missing the first two amino acid residues is considered to be enabled by the examiner.

The specific Leu-RANTES, Gln-RANTES and amino terminally truncated RANTES disclosed in the cited WO 96/17935 and WO 98/06751 and European application no. 97116863.8 (EP 0906954A1) are incorporated into page 6 of the specification by

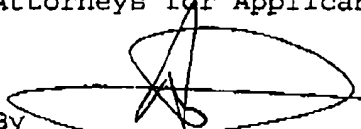
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amendment. These specific RANTES antagonists are disclosed in the patent documents cited in the specification and are not considered to introduce any new matter into the application.

Favorable consideration and early allowance are earnestly urged.

Respectfully submitted,

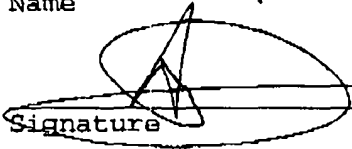
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